

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide an image processing apparatus in which even in case of a laterally-wide or vertically-long image, the user can easily and certainly recognize the image by its thumbnail display, there is disclosed an image processing apparatus constructed in such a manner that when a reduced image (thumbnail image) is generated from a plurality of images by image management list display software, an aspect ratio of a target image is examined, and when it is determined that the aspect ratio is larger than a predetermined value and the target image is sufficiently laterally wide or vertically long, the thumbnail image is not generated merely by reducing the whole target image but, as a thumbnail image, it is fixed so as to become a thumbnail image of a predetermined aspect ratio, and a thumbnail image of only a mid section excluding end sections of the target image is generated.

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